

## NEWS OF THE DAY

"To show the very age and body of the Times"

The temperance movement is still in progress in Williamsport, Penn., with increased interest. Many saloons are closed. The ladies started out yesterday, and on reaching Washington street it was ascertained that two or three hundred Germans had congregated. A large beer was served from a wagon, and the crowd was boisterous and threatening. Tumblers were thrown and the police threatened. The movement was unexpected and has greatly injured the cause of the liquor dealers. Two arrests were made.

An old man, David Myerle, of Monongalia county, W. Va., left by mail, not long ago, \$3,000 to build an Episcopal Church in Morgantown. This was all very well, but Mr. Myerle added: "I desire that it shall be of that branch or order of the Protestant Episcopal Church known as the 'Low Church,' and that the doctrines taught in such church shall be 'Evangelical.'" The heirs at law have gone into litigation about the will with the greatest enthusiasm.

On Sunday last there died at Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., Mrs. Margaret Geddes, aged ninety-three years—a mother almost before the city was founded. She and her husband were among the early settlers of the northeastern section of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Geddes, at the time of her death, had the pleasure of having around her three generations of her own family.

The jury in the case of the Grant parish (Louisiana) prisoners brought in a verdict not guilty as to Alfred Cherois. The jury, announcing that there was no possibility of agreeing as to the others, was discharged by Judge Wood, and the prisoners were remanded, on motion of the district attorney, who announced that there were other indictments against them.

A break occurred in the upper-base crevasse, three miles below Lake Providence, on the Mississippi river, on Friday. It was two hundred yards long at last accounts. A dozen or more large plantations back of Goodrich's landing were overflowed from this crevasse. It has already stopped the running of trains on the Vicksburg and Shreveport railroad.

There was considerable excitement among the leather dealers in New York yesterday over the sudden disappearance of a man named Eliza, who has been transacting business in Texas hides, wool, and other produce for over a year, and obtaining banker's credits on bills of lading. His indebtedness is chiefly on banker's credits.

The Directors of the Memphis and Charleston railroad have refused to accept a proposition of the Southern Security Company to annul their lease and restore the control of the road to the stockholders on the payment of a bonus of \$100,000, which the Security Company claim to have lost in running connecting roads.

Madame Catazy is in Paris, where the continued beauty and taste of her toilet is simply appreciated, but a chronicler delicately suggests the waning of her natural charms by saying that "undressed she would be adorned as little as one can imagine."

The steamboat Southwestern, for Shreveport with a full list of passengers and five hundred tons assorted cargo, was burned at Colfax landing yesterday. The boat and cargo are a total loss. They are valued at \$30,000 and insured for \$10,000. The passengers lost their baggage.

Tilman B. Farrow, while returning from a circus performance at Batesville, S. C., on last Saturday night, was waylaid, murdered and robbed by two negroes, who made their escape.

The launch of the Pacific Mail steamship, said to be, after the Great Western, the largest steamship ever built, will take place to-day from the yard of John Roach & Son, at Chester, Penn., near Philadelphia.

Thirty buildings have been destroyed by fire in Modoc City, in the oil region of Pennsylvania. The loss is estimated at a hundred thousand dollars.

The snow blockade on the Central Pacific railroad has been again raised, and trains are moving each way.

**Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.**  
ANNAPOLIS, March 17.—President Gorman today made his usual monthly report to the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal at their office. More extensive repairs have been made than for three years past. Seneca aqueduct has been entirely rebuilt. The balance in bank to the credit of the company on general account is \$61,880.28. From this is to be deducted the current expenses of February \$23,029.48, leaving a balance of \$38,850.80 to the credit of the company now, in addition to which the amount in the hands of the financial agents of the company heretofore appropriated to pay the overdue coupons on the preferred construction bonds is \$8,860.64; \$12,548.39 having already been paid on that account since January 1. The case of W. W. Corcoran versus the company has been decided in favor of the company by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and an appeal taken. After transacting considerable routine business, the Board adjourned until April 15. P. Hamill and Col. Sedgwick, United States Engineer, left this evening to attend the Pittsburg Convention of the Trans-Allegheny Canal Company to meet on the 19th instant.

**Congress.**  
In the Senate, yesterday, sundry petitions for an increase in the volume of currency were presented. Some time was spent in fixing the status of Mr. Stewart, appointed to fill the vacancy on the District Investigating Committee, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Boutwell. The President pro tem. of the Senate (Mr. Carpenter) had designated Mr. Stewart as the chairman of the committee. This was regarded as an invasion of the right of the committee to select its own chairman, and Mr. Allison was elected to that position. Mr. Stewart refused to serve on the committee until the order assigning him to the place was changed. The journal of the Senate was so amended as to designate him a member of the committee, and not its chairman. Mr. Frelinghuysen gave notice that the Judiciary Committee was ready to report on the Civil Rights bill. As soon as Mr. Edmunds returns the bill will be disposed of. Mr. Logan made a speech in favor of the inflation of the currency.

In the House of Representatives the Legislative Appropriation bill was discussed at great length, the argument seeming to turn on the question: "Was the Administration of President Buchanan more extravagant in the expenditure of money than that of Gen. Grant?" The Republicans maintained the affirmative, and the Democrats the negative. Mr. Cohn from the Military Committee, reported a bill for the reduction of the army.

**FAIRFAX ITEMS.**—A difficulty occurred at Fairfax C. H. on Monday afternoon between John Howard and Lewis Cooke, in which the former was badly though not fatally injured by the latter. Cooke is in jail awaiting an examination before a justice.

The citizens at the Court House were greatly disappointed at the non arrival of J. M. Kilgour, who was announced to deliver his celebrated lecture "An Evening with the Poets" on Monday night. The bad weather is the supposed cause of the non arrival of Mr. K.

**VIRGINIA NEWS.**  
Gen. R. D. Lilley, after having secured subscriptions to the amount of \$10,000 in Augusta towards the endowment of a Georgia chair to Washington & Lee University, removed to the city of Atlanta where he is now operating with encouraging success. Subscriptions to the amount of \$14,000 have been secured.

The travelling public as well as those who wish to enjoy the scenery, the pure air, and the sport of fishing and hunting at Kanawha Falls on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, will be pleased to learn that those experienced and well known hotel keepers—Messrs. Wm. H. and Eugene G. Peyton—will establish a first class hotel at that place.

Mr. Gerard T. Hopkins is having houses put up for the accommodation of visitors at the medicinal springs containing iron and magnesia, owned by him, called the Massanutten Springs, located about four miles from McGeheysville, to Rockingham county, at the eastern base of the "Peaked Mountain" in the Massanutten range.

On Sunday last Capt. Stephens, conductor of a material train on the Virginia and Tennessee railroad, fell between two flats of the train near Big Spring Bridge, and had both his legs horribly mangled. His life is despaired of.

Lexington is considering the question of having "all streets within the limits of the corporation McAdamsized with nine inches of broken stone."

The symptoms of Dr. S. G. Perrow, of Lovingsburg, Nelson county, who was stricken with paralysis last week, are decidedly better.

**Fairfax County Court.**  
[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]  
FAIRFAX COUNTY COURT, March 17.—The County Court, Judge James Sangster presiding, closed its March term this morning. The following is a summary of the proceedings:

Eighteen deeds and other writings were certified for record since the last term.

Several estate accounts of sales and inventories were admitted to record.

On Evansley's and others motion for a road, report returned and summons awarded to land owners.

On N. W. P. arson's motion for a road, writs of ad quod damnum awarded to ascertain the damages to the land owners.

The last will and testament of Mrs. E. M. Mason was proved by the oaths of subscribing witnesses, admitted to record, and Virginia Mason and Edna O. Mason the executrices named qualified—bond \$20,000 to security required. Edna O. Mason appeared in court and selected Virginia Mason as her guardian.

The Commissioner of Public Buildings was ordered to purchase a table and twelve chairs for the jury room.

The fee of the Commissioner of Accounts for examining and certifying inventories and account of sales was fixed by the court at one dollar.

The collectors of Mount Vernon and Dranesville townships presented their delinquent lists for the year 1872, which were examined, approved and certified.

On motion of T. T. Fowler and others the Commissioner of Roads for Providence township was ordered to view a way for a road from a point on the Middle pipe, near Falls Church, to the line of Alexandria county, through the land of Sherwood and others.

It was ordered to be certified that Charles H. Carroll was a pensioner of the United States, residing in Fairfax county, and died the 18th of January 1874.

The consent in writing of the securities of George B. Ives, collector for Falls Church township, was received and ordered to be recorded.

Edward vs. John Costigan, &c.; upon a motion for judgment on a forthcoming bond; judgment for \$66.55 with interest and costs.

J. T. Woodard's account against the Commonwealth for \$45 was allowed and certified. J. M. Mason, of Charlottesville, W. Va., was admitted to practice in this court.

Com. vs. George Brown; assault; the defendant who was on bail appeared, whereupon he was again bailed in the sum of \$50, the Commonwealth asking a continuance.

The grand jury was sworn, charged by the court, came into court and reported "nothing to present," and was discharged.

Harriet Turner vs. Ann Foote; Richard Cruikshank vs. E. H. Beas, forcible detainer. These cases were continued for defendants with order for prepayment trial at next term.

Richard Cruikshank vs. Henry Elliott; forcible detainer; jury, and verdict for plaintiff.

O'Connor vs. J. W. West; forcible detainer; security for costs and continued for defendant.

Lander Makeley, who had been commissioned a Notary Public by the Governor, appeared and qualified.

Administration on the estate of Daniel Barrett was granted. A. F. Barrett—bond \$500.

Com. vs. Richard Taylor; charged with felony; defendant admitted to bail—bond \$100; continued for his appearance at the next November term.

W. H. Pettit, jailor's account against the Commonwealth for \$10.75, was allowed and certified.

B. Whitaker vs. T. Easton; upon attachment; judgment for \$22 and costs.

And the court adjourned until the court in course.

**EDUCATION AND VOTING.**—On this side the water the idea prevails that compulsory education, though a high handed measure, not in all respects conforming to American ideas of freedom, might still be tolerated on account of the benefits that would be likely to follow in its somewhat arbitrary wake, not the least of which would be the keeping of a large number of children off the streets, where they learn but few good lessons. Progressive Prussia long ago made all children learn, whether their parents chose or no. And now these ever advancing Teutons propose to compel every qualified elector to cast his ballot as to his own education, at all Parliamentary elections held within the realm of the Emperor. And in the light of our experience on this side of the Atlantic the second tyranny of Prussia is infinitely better than the first, for to our great cost have we learned how far the community whose more intelligent voters habitually absented themselves from the polls. By some strange law, yet unexplained, the least trustworthy of voters invariably vote, while a majority of thinkers neglect the important duty. Despotism Germany can, and no doubt readily will, remedy this evil, but what is to become of the great and independent United States in a matter of such grave importance?

**WINCHESTER.**—A census was lately taken of Winchester, Va., which shows that the number of inhabitants in the four wards is 5,018, and outside of the corporation and within its police jurisdiction the number is found to be 355, giving to the town, including its suburbs, a total of 5,373 inhabitants. The draft of a new charter has been sent to the Legislature providing for a Husting's Court, and also containing other provisions. Joseph H. Sherrard, the present judge of the county, is recommended by the bar for the judgeship of the Husting's Court.

The loss by the destruction of the Spice Mills at Wilmington, Del., yesterday, is now estimated at from \$80,000 to \$90,000, upon which, however, there was a heavy insurance.

## FROM RICHMOND.

RICHMOND, March 17.—The attendance in the Senate to-day was so slim, there being on one or two occasions but seventeen members present, that the pages had to be kept out "drumming up" absentees, in order that business of any kind might be transacted, and this, too, when but fifteen more days of the legitimate session remains, and not an important measure has yet been acted upon. Of course there is to be an extension of the session, and it is predicted that instead of ninety days the session will be prolonged to one hundred and twenty.

The commissioners on the part of Maryland to adjust the boundary question have arrived, and to-day were introduced and the usual courtesies extended them by the Governor and Legislature.

In both Houses, to-day, a number of bills were reported upon—some favorably, some adversely.

In the Senate a bill was presented from the Committee on Finance imposing a tax according to value on dogs, and for protection of sheep; also a bill of a similar nature allowing the supervisors or the people of any county to vote on the question.

The bill in reference to delinquent lands was ordered to be engrossed.

The House of Delegates has under consideration the tax bill, with which it is making slow progress.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON, March 18, 5.30 a. m.—It is said the Queen's speech on the assembling of Parliament will propose a reduction of two pence on a pound in the income tax.

Viscount Barrington, Conservative, has been re-elected to Parliament from Suffolk by 270 majority. Disraeli and Sir Stafford Northcote have been re-elected to Parliament without opposition.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh visited ex-Emperor Eugénie at Chislehurst to-day.

BERLIN, March 17.—The Prussian Cross Gazette intimates that the Reichstag will be dissolved if it persists in its refusal to fix the ordinary strength of the army at 400,000, as demanded by the Government.

VIENNA, March 17.—The Roman Catholic bishops in the Reichsrath threaten to withdraw if the ecclesiastical bill is pressed.

LONDON, March 18, 5.30 a. m.—A special to the Daily News represents that anarchy reigns in Khiva in Egypt.

## An Orphan Child.

Yesterday, in the Probate Court, Judge Olin rendered his decision in the case of Davis Affleck vs. William P. White, dismissing the position of the plaintiff to have the appointment of White as guardian of the infant child of W. H. Affleck, late of Memphis, Tenn., revoked.

This is the same case in which possession of the body of the child was sought to be obtained by writ of habeas corpus granted by Chief Justice Carter some weeks since. It appears that during the cholera epidemic in Memphis last summer the father, mother, sister, and aunt of the child were stricken down with the plague, all dying within three days from the time the first was taken, leaving the little one, only a few months old, without any relative to care for her. Mr. White, uncle of the child and brother of its mother, after learning that the grandfather (Affleck) had been to Memphis, and instead of removing the child from the plague-stricken city had left it in the care of strangers, and receiving letters from the friends of the deceased parents that unless something were done for it and it be removed to a more healthy climate it would die, went to Memphis, and at the risk of his own life brought the little one to Washington, where he was subsequently appointed its guardian. It has since been developed that the child had inherited some twenty thousand dollars from its father, which would fall heir to in case of the child's death, which may in some degree account for the interest taken in the child (since the disappearance of the plague in Memphis) by Affleck through his female lawyer residing in the District.

The child in question is now eleven months old, and is cared for by its legal guardian, Mr. White.—*Wash. Chronicle.*

[For the Gazette.]  
"The People Had a Mind to Work."

I have heard a great number of good sermons in my day, but one of the best I ever heard, was delivered by an eminent Divine in New York. Although more than thirty years have passed since it was delivered, I remember the text and thread of the discourse as distinctly as if I had listened to it last Sunday. His theme was the power of WORK. What mighty things could be accomplished when the members of a church were united, and willing to work to advance its spiritual welfare; and how a community and a city could increase its wealth, and general prosperity by a like effort in temporal affairs. He read his text from Nehemiah iv—6: "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work."

The preacher then proceeded to give a graphic account of the destruction of Jerusalem. How completely Nebuzaradan, a captain of the guard, performed his work of destruction; "destroyed all the houses thereof, and every great man's house burnt he with fire." "And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about."

The work of ruin was complete, and had it happened to a people of less energy, industry and perseverance than the Jews, the eternal city from that day would cease to have had an existence. But, Phœnix-like, it speedily sprang up from its ashes, and became more exalted and magnificent than ever; and this great and desirable change was accomplished, not by any special miracle or act of Providence, but by the simple way all great achievements have been accomplished, and so forcibly expressed in the last eight words of the text:—"For the people had a mind to work!"

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## COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, March 18, 1874.

FLOUR, Superfine.....	\$6 50	a 100
Extra.....	4 50	a 50
Family.....	3 50	a 25
Family choice.....	2 50	a 15
WHEAT, common to fair.....	1 40	a 155
Fair to good.....	1 35	a 155
Good to prime.....	1 30	a 155
Prime to choice red.....	1 20	a 155
Prime choice to white.....	1 15	a 155
CORN, white.....	0 70	a 00
Mixed.....	0 60	a 00
Yellow.....	0 50	a 00
RYE.....	0 30	a 05
OATS.....	0 25	a 05
BUTTER, prime.....	0 40	a 03
Common to middling.....	0 25	a 03
EGGS.....	0 15	a 07
CHICKENS, dressed.....	0 15	a 18
IRISH POTATOES.....	0 40	a 00
ONIONS.....	0 60	a 05
DRESSED HOGS.....	6 50	a 70
BACON, Hams, country.....	11 11	a 124
Western.....	0 14	a 15
Sides.....	0 34	a 10
Shoulders.....	0 81	a 09
LARD.....	0 104	a 11
PLASTER, ground, per ton.....	7 50	a 00
Ground, in bags or barrels.....	9 50	a 00
Ground, in bags, returned.....	8 50	a 00
Lumber, washed.....	2 00	a 50
SALT, G. (L. imported).....	1 25	a 150
Fine.....	2 25	a 40
WOOL, common unwashed.....	0 28	a 20
Washed.....	0 38	a 40
Merino, unwashed.....	0 28	a 30
Merino, washed.....	0 38	a 40

REMARKS.—Wheat is in light receipt, and the market is steady at yesterday's quotations; offerings of 554 bushels red, with sales at 164 for good, and 173, 175 and 178 for prime to choice lots. Large arrivals of Corn have caused a decline in prices; receipts to-day 499 bushels, with sales of mixed at 63 and 70, and yellow at 70. Nothing doing in Rye or Oats; offerings light.

## NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET.

REVIEW OF THE MARKET FOR THE WEEK ENDING MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1874.

Receipts of all kinds of Cattle at the various yards during the week were 38,000 head, 65 Cows, 687 Veals, 12,808 Sheep and Lambs, and 32,614 Hogs.

## PRICES OF CATTLE ON MONDAY.

Prime to extra Bullocks..... 124 a 13  
First quality..... 112 a 124  
Medium to good natives..... 104 a 112  
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows..... 10 a 104  
Texas Cattle..... 10 a 11  
The general average..... 10 a 13  
Extreme range of prices from..... 10 a 13  
The most of the sales are from..... 11 a 114  
SHEEP.—The moderate supply of Sheep and the slight improvement in mutton has enabled sellers to materially advance prices, and though dull, the market was firm, with a sale of 62,800 per lb for ordinary to choice sheep. Poor lots might go as low as 6c. The few early Lambs for St. Patrick's Day have been sold at from 7 to \$10 per head, mostly at \$8.50 each.

SWINE.—The receipts in the last two days were 8,941 head, all to slaughterers. The market advanced since Monday's sale. Dressed Hogs were selling fairly at 74 1/2c per lb for city, and 64 1/2c for Western.

## CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET.

March 17.

Cattle active and firm for shippers' steers, at yesterday's prices. A number of lots of extra sold at 64 1/2c; receipts 28,475; shipments 12,041. Live Hogs dull; heavy receipts depress the market, and prices declined fully 1c; range 4 50a56; most sales 52 1/2c to 55 1/2c, and only a few extra at 56; receipts 18,000; shipments 6,000. Sheep steady and fairly active; fair to choice 55 1/2c to 56 1/2c; a lot of extra brought \$7.

## PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 18, 74.

SUN ROSE..... 6 10  
SUN SET..... 6 10

## ARRIVED.

Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F. A. Reed. She reports passing a coast of Indian Head, both loaded and both bound up.

Steamer Pilot Boy, Currioman, to F. A. Reed. Schr Cornelis, Baltimore, to W. A. Smoot. Schr Jesse Murdoch, for Washington.

## SAILED.

Schr Pennsylvania, Georgetown, by Wm A. Smoot.

NOTICE.—A meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company will be held at their hall to-morrow evening, at half-past seven o'clock. mh 17-2

**88** Corner of Royal, Alexandria, Va. **88**  
SPRING TRADE, 1874.

The subscribers have received a large, and well-selected stock of goods, to which they are continually making additions, which are suited to the present season, embracing Hosiery, Rakes, Forks, Shovels, Spades, Castings, Bush Hooks, Pruning Scies, Garden Trowels, Grass Hooks, and Hedge Shears, Lawn Scythes, Floral Saws, Pruning Knives and other goods too numerous to mention.

Our stock of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Builders' Hardware, Mechanics' Tools, Wagon and Coachmakers' Goods, Bellows, Anvils, Vices, Stocks and Dies, Files, Raps, Horse Shoeing Tools, H. and Shoes, Nail Rods, Bar Iron, Horse Nails, &c., &c., is full and complete. Hardware for family use in great variety, and all other goods usually found in a Hardware Store.

The above enumerated goods were purchased at the lowest prices, and having been long in the business, we know how and where to buy. We will sell anything in our line at wholesale or retail at the very lowest prices, and invite all purchasers to give us a trial at 88 King street, on the corner of Royal.

mh 18 JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON.

**COUTLERS' COMPOUND CANDY**  
CATHARTICS.—A delicious substitute for Pills, Castor Oil, Salts, &c. It is purely vegetable, and equally good for children and adults. Price 5c per box. For sale by

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